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CRITIC REVIEWS DECEMBER LIT.

Calls Issue the Most Noteworthy of Year—Appeal for Average Reader Present

BY PAUL H. BIXLER

The December issue of Lit does not show an improvement in literary or artistic quality over other recent issues. In other respects, however, the number is the most noteworthy of the year. A new type of writing has entered the somewhat sombre and dull field of Hamilton literary endeavor. Truly Lit has changed. There is in the issue something that is interesting to the average reader.

Mr. Jessup's article on the Conference, though a little late, is interesting in the light of what has already occurred, and also in respect to what the future holds for us. A short article on a current subject by a well-informed writer is an addition to any number of Lit.

Mr. Pope in "Paris" has succeeded in giving us a definite feeling in regard to the French city, a requisite for so short an article. The author would have made an improvement, however, had he rid himself of such expressions as "they were shells of their former selves" and "raucous laugh."

The inclusion of a story such as Mr. Lewi's "Varium et Mutabile" in Lit is an event to be recorded in Hamilton literary history. Not that the story has literary or artistic perfection. Its plot is the most obvious of the obvious. Nevertheless, the skill in introduction and the cleverness of some of the conversation makes the story enjoyable.

Rarely, if ever, has Mr. Riggs attained so great power of expression as he has in "Manuscript." In contrast, as strong a statement might be made about the author's inability to tell a story. He carefully and successfully creates two characters. When he arrives at the body of the story he tells it so quickly and so bewilderingly that we are left "wondering what it was all about."

"The Strange Adventures of Captain Eisenbaum" has an ingenuity of incident and a mock heroic humor which overcomes its "excessiveness." This type of writing lends flavor to the magazine. We should have more of it.

The poetry in the December issue may at least be said to be sensible. Nothing very astounding has been created. Mr. Moore's "La Tristesse" is perhaps the best. Mr. Hall's "An Old Song", Mr. Loomis' "Song of the Pirates" and Mr. Lewi's "E. Pluribus" are fair atempts. There is little to say about "Sir Roy de Lan—A Ballad" by Mr. Walrath.

NOTICE

The annual dinner of the New York Alumni Association will be held at the Hotel Savoy on Friday evening, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p. m.

Life takes pleasure in announcing the election yesterday morning of J. Lester Albertson, '24, and Leslie E. Moore, '24, to the position of reporters on the Editorial Board.

—Subscribe for **Life.**

HOCKEY RINK NOTICE

A tentative schedule has been arranged for the use of the hockey rink. The undergraduate body, the faculty and their families, and the trustees and their families will have the use of the rink as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 3:30 to 5:15.

Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30 to 5:15.

Sunday, 2:30 to 5:00.

After regularly scheduled games.

No hockey sticks or pucks will be allowed on the ice during these hours.

All other hours will be filled by the gymnasium classes and by the squad.

This schedule is subject to change at any time without notice.

All exceptions to this rule must be obtained through Dr. Ferry.

MUSICAL CLUBS HOLD REHEARSALS

Leaders Burns and Langtry Plan Many Innovations for This Year's Program—First Concert at Prom

The musical clubs under the direction of leaders Burns and Langtry are progressing rapidly toward a high degree of perfection. The members of these clubs are devoting much time to their work so that before the first concert, which comes during Prom week, they will have many new selections. The vaudeville acts this year are to be a complete surprise, and the leaders say that they are to be the best ever.

The music for the glee club has arrived and the men on that club are learning their parts rapidly. One of the best selections of this club is "The Clang of the Forge." The quartet try-outs, which were held before Christmas, resulted in a well-balanced quartet, composed of Moore, first tenor; Maynard, second tenor; Macey, baritone, and Burns, bass. These four men are practicing every day, and they are sure to make a real hit when they appear at the Prom concert.

There are about fifteen men in the instrumental club and the indications are that it will be one of the best musical organizations that Hamilton has had in several years. Like the clubs of most of the colleges, it is to be of the jazz orchestra type. However, the entire program will not be confined to this type of music.

After the Prom concert, the clubs will appear in several of the surrounding towns in preparation for the Easter trip. The plans for the Easter trip are not yet complete, but Manager George is trying for a western trip this year instead of the usual New York tour.

The clubs this year are the largest that they have been in many years. While the instrumental club has only fifteen men, there are forty-six men on the glee club, making a total of sixty-one members.

Dewey J. Carter, '04, formerly doing publicity work for the American City Bureau, New York, has accepted the assistant editorship of the Dairymen's League News, a 16-page weekly with a circulation larger than any other similar publication. The News promises to become the leading farm paper in the United States. Mr. Carter will retain his residence at Herkimer for a time.

QUINTET FACES HARD BATTLES

Court Season Opens with Varsity Opposing Colgate at Hamilton Tomorrow—Rochester Plays Here Friday

MAROON HAS VETERAN TEAM

Basketball practice started immediately after the holidays, and the team has had hard work-outs during the past week in preparation for the first game of the season tomorrow evening against Colgate at Hamilton.

Thirty-one men turned out for the squad. Some very promising material has been found in the freshman class, which is supporting the strong nucleus of Stern, Garner, and Doane in fine style. Hamilton and C. Smith, guards from last year's squad, are playing up to form. Burdick, Getman, Farrand, A. Warren, Flagg, Macey, and McGiffin in addition to the freshmen, are also on the squad.

The first home game will be played against Rochester Friday afternoon. Rochester has two stellar performers in Captain Green, at guard, and Kirchmaier, at forward. Kirchmaier scored seventeen out of twenty-one points in the Yellow's game with Toronto. The main difficulty in the games that Rochester played during the holidays was an apparent weakness at the center position and a costly inaccuracy in scoring short shots. However, it is expected that these weaknesses have been strengthened, and the Buff and Blue is looking forward to some stiff opposition Friday night. Rochester has defeated R. P. I., Toronto, and Columbia by decisive scores.

Colgate's squad is marked by a strong nucleus of five lettermen from last year's team. The probable lineup for the Hamilton game is Capt. Linnehan, r. g.; Steffen, l. g.; Mosier, c.; Barnes, r. f.; and Hermann, l. f. Besides these veterans, Murphy and Leonard are excellent substitutes, at guard and center respectively. Hermann was shifted to forward from his last year's guard position. It is expected that Hamilton will find Colgate in mid-season form, as the Maroon five has just returned from a six-game western trip, the most striking feature of which was their defeat of the strong University of Chicago team, by a score of 20-19. Colgate also played two games before the holidays, defeating Clarkson and Toronto by decisive scores.

PRIZES OFFERED FOR COMMUNITY CHEST POSTERS

One hundred and fifty dollars is being offered in cash prizes for Utica Community Chest posters. This prize contest, which is open to anyone, anywhere, is being conducted by the advertising firm of Moser and Cotins of Utica. The first prize is to be $50; the second, $25; there are to be three prizes of $10 each, five prizes of $5 each, and twenty prizes of $1 each.

The contest closes January 16 and all drawings must be in the hands of Moser and Cotins not later than that date. Work may be done in crayon, pen and ink, wash or oil, and may be submitted with or without slogans. Drawings may be of any size provided the height is 1½ times the width.

PROGRESS MADE ON ANNUAL

The 1923 Hamiltonian is rapidly rounding into shape under the supervision of editor-in-chief Palmer. More than half of the cuts are in the hands of the publishers, and a few of finished proofs have been returned to the Hill for approval. There is still a large amount of copy to be handed in by members of the staff, but steps have been taken to have all material in at an early date to insure the appearance of the book on the Hill at spring house-party.

The circulation department has been greatly hindered in its work by the scarcity of men competing for business-manager. The Board urges men in the sophomore class to report for competition immediately.

HAMILTON SCORES WIN OVER CORNELL DEBATERS

Initial Debate of Season Results in Unanimous Decision Favoring Hill Debating Team

The Hamilton debating team again upheld the traditions of the Hill when it defeated the trio from Cornell University by a unanimous decision of the judges on the evening of December 16. Cornell had already defeated Dartmouth and Yale in debate, which fact speaks very well for the Hamilton team in its initial contest of the season. The question was: "Resolved, that the several states should establish courts of industrial relations similar to that of Kansas.' The Cornell team had a slight edge over Hamilton as to the number of points presented, but the Hamilton system of accumulative rebuttal, led by Dean Alfange, finally turned the decision against the visitors.

Alfange, 22, the first Hamilton speaker, brought out the salient features of the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations, showing clearly the poor features and how inadequate and unsatisfactory it is for the settlement of industrial disputes. As usual, Alfange scored a distinct triumph in his rebuttal.

Martin, '22, Hamilton's second speaker, demonstrated very cleverly the failures of the Kansas court scheme where it has already been tried: namely, Kansas and New Zealand, laying particular stress on the present industrial unrest in Kansas and the inability of the Kansas court to cope with the situation. In rebuttal he summed up the arguments of both teams and succeeded in reducing those of his opponents to apparent absurdities.

Hartness, '22, in his direct speech, showed that the Kansas court is a detriment to the public welfare, thus destroying the main argument of the affirmative: that this system is of great public benefit. He offered a system of collective bargaining as the only solution, logically, for the settlement of industrial disputes.

The Cornell team, affirmative, was composed of I. T. Turman, '24, Leader; C. Kirchner, '24; G. O. Wehle, '23. The Hamilton team (negative), was Dean Alfange, '22, Leader; Clement G. Martin, '22; Harold M. Hartness, '22. Chairman, President Frederick Carlos Ferry; judges, Rev. Philip S. Bird, Stephen W. Brennan, and Dr. Alexander C. Flick. Ten minutes for main speeches; six minutes for rebuttal speeches.

HAMILTON MEETS AMHERST FRIDAY

First Hockey Game to be Played at Clinton Friday—Buff and Blue Has Good Chance for Victory

SQUAD CUT TO 16 MEN

Hamilton's hockey season opens next Friday when Amherst comes to Clinton to face the Buff and Blue. Amherst lost last Saturday to Dartmouth by a 2-0 socre. A feature of the ame was the brilliant work of Plimpton, the Amherst goal-tender. Capt. Worcester is a great defensive player and showed up well against Dartmouth. Davidson, center point, is the star offensive player in the Amherst combination. A large squad has been working for several weeks under the leadership of Coach Plummer. Amherst has some good skaters and a fast game may be expected when they oppose the Buff and Blue on Jan. 13.

The Hamilton squad has been working hard, preparing for a long season. Many good skaters have been discovered in the freshman class, and prospects are bright for a winning season. Fifty men reported for first practice, and from these sixteen have been selected for a first squad. The remaining men will have a chance to practice during their various gymnasium classes, as will all men of the two lower classes. It is hoped that latent skating talent may be discovered by this arrangement.

Four men of last year's team remain as a nucleus around which to build the team. The freshman class has seven representatives on the squad. Bates, unable to play last year on account of an injury to his leg, is on the ice this season for the first time. Capt. R. J. R. Reeder, R. G. Reeder, Watson Thompson and F. W. Marlow of last year's team, are displaying their usual brand of good work.

Manager Bennett has been working on this year's hockey schedule and has nine games arranged, seven of which are to be played at Clinton. The management is trying to secure several other games and will probably succeed in getting more contests.

The hockey schedule follows:

Jan.	13	Amherst at Clinton.
	20	West Point at West Point.
Feb.	6	Columbia at Clinton.
	10	Univ. of Pa. at Clinton.
	15	Colgate at Clinton.
	18	Clarkson Tech. at Clinton.
	22	Cornell at Ithaca.
	25	R. P. I. at Clinton.
Mar.	4	Nichols Hockey Club at Clinton.

TRIANGULAR CONTEST SLATED FOR DEBATERS

The debate schedule for the coming year is not yet completed. Only one definite date has been set, that of the annual triangular debate with Lafayette and Union which will be held on March 17. The question for this debate concerns compulsory arbitration of strikes. The time set for the try-outs will be announced some time this week.

The date for the debate with Wesleyan has not yet been agreed upon but Manager Yates hopes to be able to announce it within a few days.

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Alumni Day.

As a result of the campaign inaugurated by **Life** for an Alumni Day, the editor has received a large number of letters from interested alumni. With few exceptions the communications show that the alumni favor an Alumni Day for Hamilton College.

From a member of the Western Alumni Association comes the following, which is an extract from a longer letter: "The plan for Alumni Day outlined in your letter of November 19 meets with my hearty approval. The same plan is being followed with success in several of the Conference universities, notably Illinois and Wisconsin. It is being advocated now at Chicago."

The secretary of the Ohio Alumni Association comments: "It looks like a good idea. For those who can get back for a visit in the fall, this would be a big inducement and would make the effort a lot more worth while. It's worth working up."

The secretary of the Rochester Association writes: "The Rochester Association, at its recent informal dinner, put itself on record as emphatically favoring the institution of an Alumni Day for the College. It seemed to be the general sentiment of those present—and they constituted a large percentage of the association—that such a day should come in the fall—preferably late in October—so that many could drive. It was also suggested that it be called a Home Coming Day, and this suggestion seemed to meet with very general approval."

The secretary of the New York Alumni Association objects to the proposition upon the ground that an Alumni Day would interfere with the attendance at Commencement. This letter is given in full elsewhere in this issue under the heading of Communications.

The interest aroused among the alumni by this proposal has been even greater than was expected. We await with a great deal of interest and curiosity some announcement or action by the authorities.

A Ruling Revised.

We note with great satisfaction that the library ruling recently attacked in these columns has been modified by the faculty. Before the modification was made, any man who kept a book when the stipulated time had elapsed after the second notice had been sent out suddenly found himself refused admittance to the classrooms. This form of penalty was entirely too drastic when employed with such a sudden application. The new form of the ruling, although the ultimate penalty remains the same, provides the offender with a week of grace during which a fine accumulates. This is much more reasonable and just.

DR. W. H. MAYNARD, '54, DIES

Was for Many Years Professor of Political Economy and Church History in Colgate University

Dr. William Hale Maynard, of the class of 1854, a former Colgate instructor and noted orator, died recently at his home in Hamilton, N. Y. The funeral services were conducted from his home in Kendrick avenue, Wednesday morning, December 28, by Rev. Frank D. Elmer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hamilton. He was assisted by Rev. William H. Lawrence as the representative of Colgate University. Burial was in the Colgate University cemetery.

Dr. Maynard was a graduate of Hamilton College in the class of 1854. Following graduation he taught for several years in an academy at Westfield and then entered Hamilton Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1858. He was ordained to the Baptist ministry the same year and became pastor of the Baptist Church of Cohoes holding that position for about seven years. Later he was at Covington, Malone and Auburn.

He became a professor in Colgate University in 1875, teaching political economy in the college and church history in the Theological Seminary. In 1895 after teaching twenty years, the board, at his own request, released him from the teaching of political economy, but he continued to teach church history until illness prevented in 1918.

In 1873 Madison University conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Maynard was a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity at Hamilton College. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Harriet Schaible of Hartsville, S. C.

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The Editor of Hamilton Life,
Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y.
Dear Sir:

I duly received proof of your recent editorial on a proposed Alumni Day, sent me as Secretary of the New York Alumni Association. That I forwarded to Mr. Burke, the President of the Association, and I have no doubt that the proposal will be submitted in some way at the coming dinner of the Association.

Meanwhile, I offer my personal view, so far as I have reached any. I may say for your comfort that my congenital mode of considering a proposal is to see the objections, and let the proponent overcome them if he can.

My first objection is that the proposed Alumni Day might interfere with the customary large and enthusiastic attendance of Alumni at Commencement. Many of us can make the trip to Clinton once a year if we're lucky. Not nearly so many could make it twice. Many would have to decide which to take in, and your Alumni attendance would thus be divided. I would hate to see a new institution distract from the usual Commencement reunion, which those of us who have formed the habit of coming back, so much enjoy. Besides in the breaking of an old habit and the forming of a new one, you might lose many entirely.

My second objection is that when I do find it possible to make a second trip to the Hill during the year I come to see the undergraduates, and the College in its normal working condition, if any. It is much less easy to see what is really going on, and to get a real line on undergraduates and college life, when the whole outfit is on display for the benefit of the visiting firemen, than if you merely sneak in as a private citizen in normal times and share the daily bread.

Of course, if it is the intention to remove all emphasis from Alumni participation in Commencement, and diminish the inducements to Alumni to return at that time, my objections lose much of their possible validity. But I believe such an intention, and result, would be unfortunate, since Commencement comes at the time when the Hill is most attractive, and is the time of the academic year when the Alumni are most naturally drawn back.

This is just a casual, but interested **con.** I shall await the **pros**, with interest.

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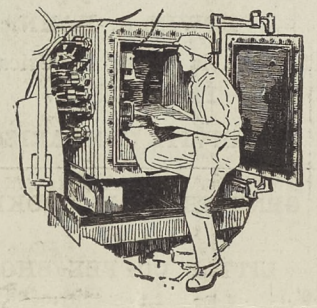

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Two or three weeks ago, a sock and sweater salesman exhibited in the Y. M. C. A. and we had a confab with him. Not that we expected to buy anything—not when we have to cooperate and pay seventeen cents for milk shakes (fifteen, now the war tax is no more), but, just to demonstrate the value of the Department, we shot the bull with him through the span of fifteen minutes.

"Say," remarked our salesman casually and affably, "what the H—— colors is this college supposed to have anyway?"

Our reply stipulated the Azure and the Buff as the regulation hues, but our friend of the socks and sweaters was not convinced.

"The banners I've seen around here ain't buff, they're white," he pointedly reported, more or less authentically.

Come to think about it, a good share of all the banners we've seen here would be white if we didn't know they were intended to be buff. Which leads us to inquire likewise and also, "What the H——",etc.? In other words, let us have the true artistic what-you-may-call-it and turn an icy shoulder blade upon that unscrupulous banner monger who would work his dirty white felt off on us for Hamilton Buff.

And that reminds us. Speaking of colors, we wonder if the new Psi U house was modeled after Punk Mulford's raincoat. The color design is the same for each. (There's one good thought gone to waste. We forgot for the moment Ye Ed.'s fraternal affiliations. He'll cut this.)

As for colors, have you noticed how gray and dismal the campus has seemed this winter? We just accounted for it a couple of days ago. It's because we miss the warmth and ardor of Trot's neckties. Is it possible that he wears the same ones in tropical Italy?

In conclusion, we call your notice to the fact that Cal is getting pretty thoroughly disgusted lately with the drab tone of voice of these senior debaters. He undoubtedly wants them to choose propositions that are more red-blooded, as it were.

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POOR EYESIGHT MORE PREVALENT

Veteran Columbia Coach Declares College Athlete of Today Handicapped by Defects in Vision—National Movement to Conserve Eyesight

Poor eyesight makes poor athletes, says Jim Rice, veteran coach of the Columbia crews, who after an experience of thirty years has come to the conclusion that the vision of the college athlete of today is inferior to that of the contender of former days. Whether this condition is the result of the increasing refinements of life, Rice would not say, but he was convinced that eye conservation beginning in the elementary schools, was necessary if teams were to maintain high standards of physical efficiency.

Examination of athletes at Columbia, Rice said, showed increasing eye weakness. Most of the defects, he declared, could be corrected. He praised the national movement for the conservation of eyesight, saying that the colleges might profit by the revelations of the American Engineering Council's Waste Committee, which set forth health conditions among industrial workers. The Eye Sight Conservation Council of America is another agency, he said, whose efforts were adding to the betterment of the race.

Rice said that he had known many men who had become splendid athletes after their vision had been corrected. Recalling his experiences with the Detroit Boat Club in the early nineties, he cited the case of Walter Mower, who, when his eyes had received proper attention, became a great oarsman. Without this treatment, Mower, like many others similarly handicapped, would have been lost to the world of sports. Ed Hanlon, formerly champion sculler of the world, had perfect eyesight, said Rice, who named numerous other leading oarsmen whose vision had been a powerful factor in winning their laurels.

Rice attributes much of his own success to excellent vision. He had always prided himself on this, he said, and especially on his ability to pick up a buoy in the far distance, until one day he went duck shooting with Jake Gaudaur, once champion oarsman of the world. Gaudaur in the pursuit of ducks showed that he had a shade the better of the Columbia coach, then a rising Canadian athlete. Gaudaur, too, knew the value of his eyes, which not infrequently became the deciding factor in close contests on the water.

The schools, Rice said, are doing much to improve the physical standard of the coming generation. He was inclined to think that perhaps it was this constant vigilance that revealed defects which, while they may have previously existed, remained hidden for want of examination.

Good eyesight, Rice emphasized, was essential in all lines of sports. Boxing and baseball he named especially as effective aids of vision. Cricketers, he said, were more and more coming to realize the advantages of a good pair of eyes. Rice said that it was significant that the members of the British Royal Air Force were being sent to specialists to have their eyes "trained."

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COLLEGE SELECTS MEN FOR COUNCIL

Warren, Thompson, and Yates, Undergraduate Members on New Council—Letters Awarded—Managers Elected

The last meeting of the Undergraduate Association was held in Commons Hall, December 15, after the regular college dinner. The executive council nominated for its alumni members, Rudd, '90, Sicard, '06, and Fraser, '08, who were unanimously elected. It was also the time for the election of the faculty members of the Council. Dr. Wood was unanimously elected President; Dr. A. P. Saunders, vice-president; and Dr. Dale as the third member from the faculty.

Weld, '22, last year's assistant manager of football, was unanimously elected manager for 1922.

The undergraduate members of the executive council were elected as follows: C. Warren, W. Thompson, and C. Yates.

Upon the recommendation of the executive council, the undergraduate association awarded an "H" in football to W. T. Howland of the class of 1922.

Richard C. Wood, '24, and William G. Lewi, '24, were nominated for assistant manager of football. Wood was elected.

Because of the failure of Berkalew, assistant manager of track, to return to college, Keane, '22, last year's manager of track, nominated Brainard, '24, and Kittell, '24. Brainard was elected assistant manager.

The undergraduate association at this meeting passed on Mr. Prettyman's proposal that "H's" be awarded to men winning 10 points in a cross-country season, first place counting 5, second place counting 4, third place 3, fourth place 2, fifth place 1; also that any man scoring within the first ten places be given full numerals.

The awarding of the "H's" for football and cross-country closed the business of the meeting.

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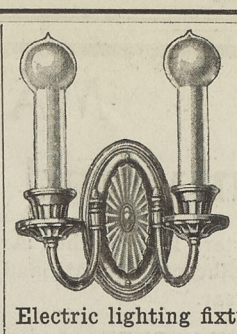
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